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Re: Allowed U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/047,983; Filed: January 17, 2002
For: **Platen Heaters for Biometric Image Capturing Devices**
Inventors: Carver *et al.*
Our Ref: 1823.0440001

Sir:

In response to the **Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due** dated June 2, 2004, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B);
2. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
3. Letter to PTO Draftsman - Submission of Formal Drawings;
4. Five sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-8), approval of which is respectfully requested;
5. Notification of Loss of Entitlement to Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(g)(2) When Issue Fee is Due;
6. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,660.00 to cover:
\$1,330.00 Issue Fee;
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\$ 300.00 Publication Fee; and
7. One (1) return postcard.

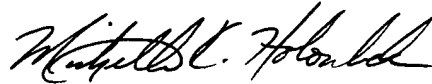
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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

The above-captioned application is no longer entitled to small entity status. This notification is being filed prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the issue fee..

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Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings

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Sir:

Submitted herewith are five sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1-8, corresponding to the informal drawings submitted with the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawings is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of these formal drawing(s) into this application is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required, other than any already provided herewith. However, if an extension of time is needed to prevent abandonment of the application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned. The U.S. Patent and

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